

CITY OF MCCLEARY
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 11, 2016

ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE Councilmember's Richey, Peterson, Blankenship and Ator were in attendance.

ABSENT Mayor Schiller was absent. Mayor Pro Tem Orffer chaired the meeting.

STAFF PRESENT Present at the meeting were Todd Baun, Wendy Collins, George Crumb, and Dan Glenn.

PUBLIC COMMENT Helen Hamilton is glad the City hired a Public Works Assistant, Paul Morrison, and said he is doing a good job. She said the clean-up of properties is noticeable and the town is looking better. She also wanted to state that she is against grinder pumps outside the city limits.

Evert Challstedt believes grinder pumps should not be permitted outside the City limits. He knows the history of grinder pumps in McCleary because he used to be on the Planning Commission. The sewage plant was not designed to expand a great deal. He is concerned the cost of sewer will increase if there is sewer expansion outside the city. He advised the Council to be cautious about expanding outside the City limits.

Tim Hamilton started a business in McCleary in 1974. He said annexation was discussed many years ago and it tore this town apart. He believes taking resources from the City and giving them to the County is the same as taking assets away from the residents, who are also the stakeholders. He said they should be focusing on growing inside McCleary city limits, not outside. Growth outside the city limits will only benefit the County, not McCleary residents.

Laura Gumino does not want McCleary grinder pumps in the County. She is concerned it will lead to annexation, which she is against. She said they are on an aquifer and are prone to flooding. She is worried the aquifer will be ruined if the grinder pumps fail or have issues. She also said that even though she lives in the County, she would like to be notified when these subjects come up.

Larry Birindelli agrees with everyone that has spoke on this issue. He said there has to be limits and it should only be for properties that border the City.

Another resident wants the Council to think about what benefits the City will receive by allowing grinder pumps in the County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION **At 7:14 PM, Mayor Pro Tem Orffer made a motion for an executive session for approximately 15 minutes per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) to discuss a litigation matter. The executive session ended at 7:29 PM. No action was taken.**

MINUTES APPROVED **It was moved by Councilmember Ator seconded by Councilmember Richey to approve the April 27, 2016 minutes. Motion Carried 4-0.**

VOUCHERS Accounts Payable vouchers/checks approved were 41042- 41075 including EFT's in the amount of \$44,629.05.

Payroll vouchers/checks approved were 40949- 41041 including EFT's in the amount of \$78,591.46.

Bank reconciliation for April 2016 was approved.

It was moved by Councilmember Ator, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to approve the vouchers. Motion Carried 4-0.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS None.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT Dan Glenn provided a report and is available to respond to any questions.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
REPORT

Todd Baun said a power outage is planned for May 20th and 21st to work on the cut-over project. As always, they have planned it during times that will cause the least impact on the residents and businesses.

Councilmember Ator gave kudos to Paul Morrison for the new staff report he is providing. It is detailed with nuisance and abatement letters that have gone out and it shows the building activity that has taken place. It's a new style of report and she thinks it's wonderful. It's easily readable and helps the Council know what's going on. She likes it a lot and stated, "kudos on a job well done"!

Chief Crumb added that Paul Morrison is doing an outstanding job. He jumped in with both feet and is very supportive. He's getting a lot of things generated and is doing some things that haven't been done in a long time. He is a breath of fresh air and has already been a great help to the Police Department. Chief Crumb told the Council Mr. Morrison will need their support because there will probably be complaints coming in due to the enforced accountability. Chief Crumb said Paul has been a big help and is great to work with.

E-ONE GRINDER PUMPS

Todd Baun provided rate comparisons for grinder pumps from other cities. Councilmember Ator thinks a workshop would be a good idea to discuss the grinder pump issue. She knows there are a lot of buildable lots inside the City that need to be developed. There are approximately 115 undeveloped lots in McCleary that could be built on before focusing on County building projects. Mayor Pro Tem Orffer will share this information with Mayor Schiller and request a workshop. Tabled.

EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES

A stormwater line was installed below the surface of one of the properties in McCleary. It was agreed, that in the best interest of both The City of McCleary and the new owner, that they execute a written document to formalize the existence of the line, and the terms under which the line may be maintained. The previous owner refused the City to have access to perform the required services. The property was sold and the new owner now wants to give the City of McCleary easement access to fix the pipe and perform necessary maintenance. **It was moved by Councilmember Ator, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to authorize the Mayor to sign the easement agreement with Michael Campbell. Motion Carried 5-0.**

RESOLUTION 684 ELLSWORTH
CURRAN 100TH YEAR
BIRTHDAY

It was moved by Councilmember Ator, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to adopt Resolution 684, a resolution recognizing the first century of Ellsworth Curran's life. Resolution Adopted 4-0.

RESOLUTION 685 HOME
INSPECTION FEE

The City has been working off of a temporary connection fee agreement for realtors, and others, that wish to have the water reconnected for a 24 - 48 hour window for a flat rate of \$50. This resolution solidifies the temporary status into a set Resolution status. **It was moved by Councilmember Ator, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to adopt Resolution 685, a resolution relating to public services; establishing and confirming fees in relation to temporary reactivation of water service; and providing conditions related thereto. Resolution Adopted 4-0.**

RESOLUTION 686 UTILITY
CONNECTION FEE

The City has been reviewing the connection fees in an effort to encourage developers to build in McCleary. Draft C was favored by staff and the Council concurred. The Council agreed to a 3% annual increase in the fees, which can be reviewed in a few years. **It was moved by Councilmember Ator, seconded by Councilmember Richey to adopt Resolution 686, a resolution relating to public services; establishing and confirming fees in relation to connection to the City's utility systems; repealing Resolution 656; and providing for effective dates. Resolution Adopted 4-0.**

RESOLUTION 687 PLANNING
COMMISSION MEMBERS

The Council decided to change the Planning Commission membership from 5 to 3 members, in an effort to have greater success in finding interested and committed members. **It was moved by Councilmember Ator, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to adopt Resolution 687, a resolution relating to the Planning Commission, modifying the number of members, and providing an effective date. Resolution Adopted 4-0.**

RESOLUTION 688 SUPRPLUS
LIGHT & POWER MATERIALS

It was moved by Councilmember Peterson, seconded by Councilmember Richey to adopt Resolution 688, a resolution declaring materials to be surplus and providing for the negotiated disposition thereof. Resolution Adopted 4-0.

VACATION LEAVE RESOLUTION

Tabled until the Finance Committee can review the financial impact.

EXECUTIVE SESSION None.

PUBLIC COMMENT Chief Crumb used the tribal jail this week and it was a driving burden because he arrested an individual and drove him to the jail, then the following day, had to be picked up at the jail and driven to Grays Harbor County Court, then driven back to the tribal jail. It was an excessive travel day for Chief Crumb. If this same situation happens again, he may just transport directly to Grays Harbor County Jail to prevent the hours of travel time.

Al Smith, candidate for Grays Harbor County Commissioner, has been attending the Council meetings. He wants to complement the teamwork between the City Council and said it is great to watch them grow during each meeting. He also encourages the City to create a Planning Commission because their role is so important.

MEETING ADJOURNED **It was moved by Councilmember Ator, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Motion Carried 4-0.**

Approved by Mayor Brent Schiller and Clerk-Treasurer Wendy Collins.